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SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMS SALES TO LIBYA

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1. WE OFFER TWO OBSERVATIONS ON THE DEPT'S ANALYSIS OF  
SOVIET-LIBYA ARMS DEAL (REFTEL).

2. AS DEPT IS AWARE, KOSYGIN VISIT WAS THE CULMINATION OF  
A PROCESS WHICH BEGAN IN MAY, 1974, AND SOVIET AGREEMENT TO  
SELL ARMS IN LARGE QUANTITY TO LIBYA DATES FROM THAT TIME OR  
SHORTLY THEREAFTER. LIBYAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL LEFT FOR  
TRAINING IN SOVIET UNION IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. IT MAY THERE-  
FORE BE SOMEWHAT MISLEADING TO IMPLY, AS REFTTEL DOES, THAT  
THE ARMS DEAL IS A NEW ONE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF SOVIET USE OF LIBYAN  
PORTS AND AIRFIELDS, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF ANY BLANKET  
PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT LIBYANS  
WILL KEEP TIGHT CONTROL OVER SOVIET ACCESS TO LIBYAN  
FACILITIES. AS REGARDS AIRFIELDS, WE WOULD EXPECT SOVIET  
ACCESS TO CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED TO FLIGHTS CONNECTED WITH  
THE TRAINING OF LIBYAN PERSONNEL AND THE MAINTENANCE OF  
SOVIET EQUIPMENT IN LIBYAN HANDS.

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